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The DCI Strategic Warning Committee's

Watchlist



15 September 2000

Special Warning Notice:

Watch Notes:

Added to the Watchlist:

Of Increased Concern:



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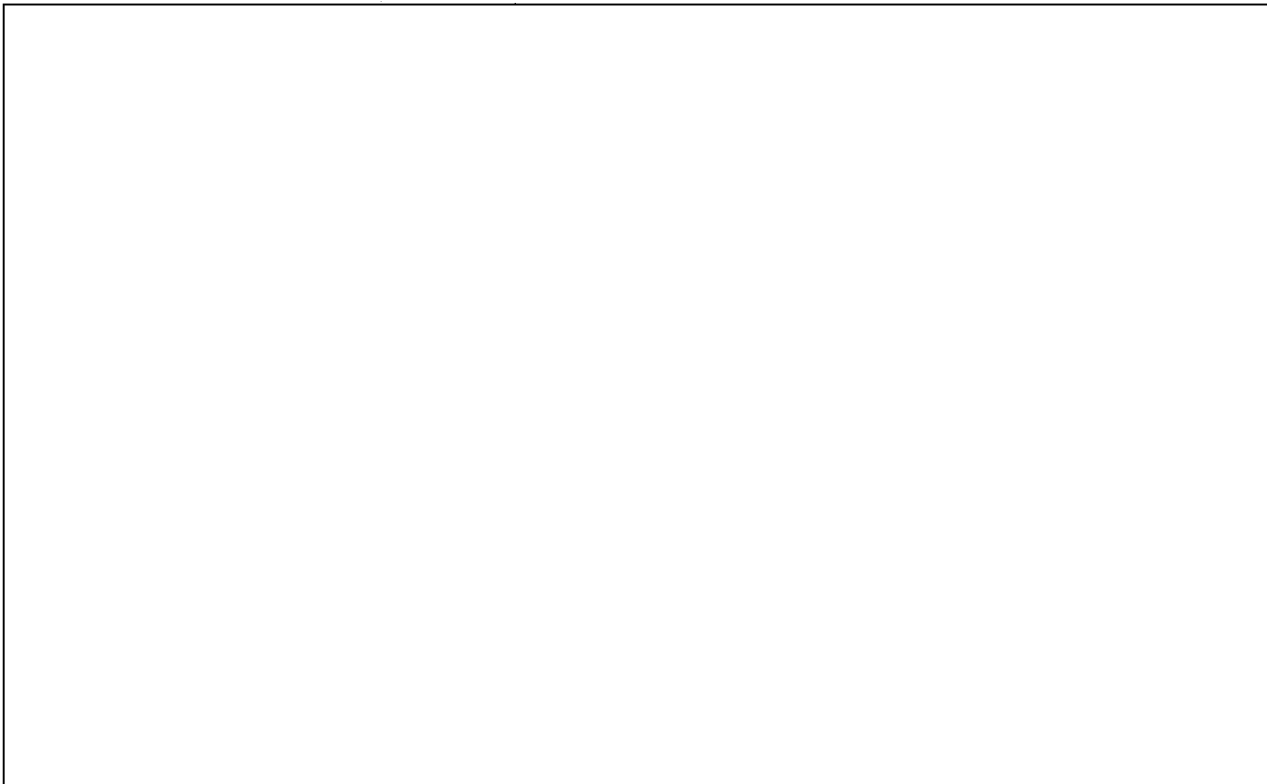
Latin America

Colombia ⇄

Threat: Rising insurgent violence and a weak economy undermining the credibility and effectiveness of the government and its counternarcotics program

| Time Frame (months) | Likelihood (chances in 10) | |
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| 1-3 | up to 1 | ○ |
| 3-6 | up to 3 | ○ |

Local newspaper polls indicate that President Pastrana's approval rating has increased from 23 to 45 percent—its highest point this year—as a result of President Clinton's visit kicking off Plan Colombia. The severity of the country's economic and security problems, however, suggests that the better numbers may be short lived. The government is hoping that the next round of talks with FARC insurgent leaders—scheduled to begin at the end of the month—will produce a cease-fire and a second political boost for Pastrana, despite the fact that the FARC is likely to demand concessions unpopular with most Colombians. [redacted]



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